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Ghost towns still pockmarking the urban landscape

Signs of life in housing market haven't closed gap between pre-boom demand and now Small bump in sales, prices in first half of '12 {page 02}

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Slow (steady?) growth for Philly home sales

Looking back at developments Metro surveyed two years ago, real estate market still sluggish ◗ But analysts see signs of life, particularly among higher-end properties ◗ Low interest rates, low prices credited with uptick

A year ago, when Daniel Palko bought a new home, he saw it as a great value in an area that was supposedly undergoing revitalization and painting itself as a destination for families.

New neighbors have been few and far between in the new Mantua houses, however, as realtors look to balance the right price point with buyers' wait-and-see attitude. The 51-home development is one of several across the city and the region that have gotten off to a slow start.

Few neighborhoods haven't taken hits since 2007. Higher-end homes that were originally $600,000 are selling for half that price and dozens of million-dollar condos have been auctioned off.

"They're moving. It's slow, but they are moving," Palko said of the Mantua homes in the Union Hill development. "They're really a great value, but compared to this area they're expensive."

Despite sluggish sales, there are reasons for developers to be optimistic. A report from real estate firm Prudential Fox & Roach showed sales in Philadelphia up 3 percent in the first half of the year compared to the first six months of 2012. The median sale price also rose almost 5 percent.

Experts credit low interest rates and the drop in prices over the last few years.

"Our observation is it's clear that the sales are beginning to improve now," said Long & Foster senior regional vice president Bob Albanese. "It's safe to say the upper price range, specifically say, $700,000 up to a couple million, we have seen a definite uptick in contracts and purchases in that price range plus in the last three months."

Another sign that things are picking up, Albanese said, is that consumers are buying at a good pace during the hot summer months. "The strength in the summer indicates a stronger-than-anticipated fall market," he said.

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▶ Some never-occupied homes in the Union Hill development in Mantua remain boarded up, as many were in August 2010. The development is not alone in its slow sales.

5,473
Homes sold in the first half of 2012, according to a report from Prudential, Fox & Roach. That's up 3.3 percent from 2011, but down from the first half of 2010.

Quoted

"Following several years of recession-induced price declines in which house values fell by an average of 22 percent from their peak, Philadelphia's housing market surged to life this past spring with the single largest quarterly gain in house prices since the housing bubble burst in mid-2007."

KEVIN GILLEN, OF ECONSULT CORP., IN HIS QUARTERLY HOUSE PRICE INDEX STATEMENT

In the news

Young man shot dead in Castor

A man was shot and killed yesterday evening in the Castor section of Northeast Philadelphia. Police said the victim, 29, was shot once in the chest on the 1300 block of Wells Street around 4:20 p.m. He died on the scene a short time later. No weapon was recovered and no arrests have yet been made. METRO

In the news

Hot truck

After firefighters responded to a call at the Tropicana casino in Atlantic City early yesterday, they returned to their truck only to find it had been stolen, the Press of Atlantic City reported. Crews responded to the casino shortly before 3:30 a.m. to free patrons trapped in an elevator. Security guards found the truck about 20 minutes later, empty, in the North Tower valet area a block away, but have no idea how it got there. METRO

News in brief

Five killed during deadly weekend

PHILADELPHIA. Five people were killed and five people were injured – three of them critically – during a particularly violent span lasting slightly more than 48 hours starting at midnight Friday.

The first homicide occurred at 12:15 Friday morning when a man, 19, was shot multiple times on the 1500 block of North 29th Street in Brewerytown.

The second-to-last homicide victim to succumb to his injuries was shot in the back and arm on the 2200 block of South 63rd Street in Elmwood at about 3:40 a.m. Saturday. He died on the scene. A police officer, Moses Walker Jr., 40, was shot and killed about two hours later. METRO

'Double dare' host hurt in car crash

PHILADELPHIA. Former host of Nickelodeon's "Double Dare" and current Food Network star Marc Summers is recovering from a cab crash in the city last week that required him to have emergency plastic surgery, according to People Magazine. METRO

Woman adds to West Nile virus total in Pennsylvania

A Bucks County woman was diagnosed with West Nile virus Friday, bringing the number of confirmed human cases in Pennsylvania to eight this summer, according to the state's West Nile Virus Control Program.

A Lehigh County man and a Lebanon County woman were diagnosed with the virus Thursday and a man in Centre County was confirmed to have the disease the day before that. Two men in Delaware County were diagnosed last Monday and two women – one in Lancaster County and one in Franklin County – tested positive Aug. 3.

▶ Beware the mosquito.

The mosquito-borne disease causes mild, flu-like symptoms lasting only a few days for most people. But an estimated 20 percent of infected people develop West Nile fever, which can cause head and body aches, swollen lymph glands and a skin rash.

Out of the eight cases in Pennsylvania, three have resulted in the less serious West Nile fever, while five have led to either encephalitis or meningitis.

Though no human cases of West Nile have been reported in Philadelphia this year, out of 470 mosquitoes tested, 99 mosquitoes out of 470 tested have come up positive – most recently on Aug. 10. METRO

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HOME AWAY

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▶ Jack Sporer, 3, added some finishing touches.

Philly burlesque pinup now pulls for pit bulls

- Former 'Hellcat Girls' performer began animal support group in 2005
- Fundraiser this weekend raised money for 'Pinups for Pitbulls' calendar

Deirdre Franklin never had trouble attracting attention. A model and burlesque performer, she was known as Little Darling when dancing, vamping and teasing with former Philly troupe The Hellcat Girls.

But as much as her audiences enjoyed her act, Franklin couldn't help but think that something was missing.

"I felt empty — I was able to get all of this attention with the pictures I was shooting, but I wasn't able to do anything with it," she said. "It was starting to feel a little egotistical, and that's where Pinups for Pitbulls came from."

Founded by Franklin in 2005, the idea behind Pinups for Pitbulls is simple in the way that great ideas tend to be: If you want to educate the public about the misunderstood, vilified pit bull, include the information in a calendar that pairs the dogs with bombshell pinup girls.

"I thought it would be a little Kinko's calendar, but it just blew up," Franklin said. She waded through hundreds of model applicants — all animal advocates, in addition to pretty faces — from across the globe for 2013's calendar, a cheeky take on Norman Rockwell paintings.

Quoted

"I thought it would be a little Kinko's calendar, but it just blew up."
DIEDRE FRANKLIN

While the calendar is their hallmark, Franklin — who is pursuing a graduate degree at Drexel University in public policy — and Pinups volunteers in Philly and across the U.S. work year-round. Fundraisers such as Saturday's art auction at Jinxed gallery in the Piazza at Schmidt's supports their work to improve the reputation of pit bulls and lobby against breed-specific legislation and discriminatory laws.

"That pit bulls are dangerous — this isn't based on scientific fact, but on fear mongering," said Franklin, who has two pit bulls, a lab mix and a Harrier of her own.

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▶ Four models posed with 10-week-old John, a dog currently residing at Street Tails Animal Rescue.

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Gunned down Philly police officer had 'unblemished record'

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▶ Walker died at Hahnemann Hospital, where officials saluted his blanketed body as it was escorted to the morgue by police motorcade.

Less than two weeks after they removed the mourning bands from their badges marking the deaths of two officers last month, the Philadelphia Police Department is grieving the loss of yet another of its own.

Officer Moses Walker Jr., 40, was found shot to death on Cecil B. Moore Avenue Saturday. Clad in street clothes, Walker had just finished his shift at the 22nd District station about four blocks away and apparently was walking to a bus stop.

His service weapon was found unholstered underneath his body, but it does not appear he fired any shots.

"We don't believe the officer got a chance to fire back," Lt. Ray Evers said. The suspected motive is robbery. "We're not sure if anything was taken, but there is a very strong leaning that way."

Investigators are asking for the public's help in bringing his killer to justice. "We're asking anyone else that was in that area to give us a call. That small piece of information can go a long way," Evers said.

A $35,000 reward has been posted by city and the Fraternal Order of Police. Walker, who would have become eligible for retirement later this year, worked 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. as a turnkey at the 22nd District, processing arrests and monitoring the holding cell.

"Here he is not working the street and still gets taken down by one of the thugs there," union President John McNesby said, though he resisted describing Walker's position as low risk. "As soon as you put that uniform on, you're a target anyway, whether you're inside or outside."

Walker graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School and belonged to Deliverance Evangelistic Church.

"Besides being a police officer, he was really involved in his church and church activities and every person we speak to in the 22nd District says he was a kind gentleman," Evers said. "It is a loss and a tragedy to our department and also to the city because he was a kind person with an unblemished record."

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"Like his brothers and sisters on the force, he was a committed public servant, beloved by his family, friends and colleagues. Our condolences and prayers go out to all of them as they cope with their grief in the loss of this good man."

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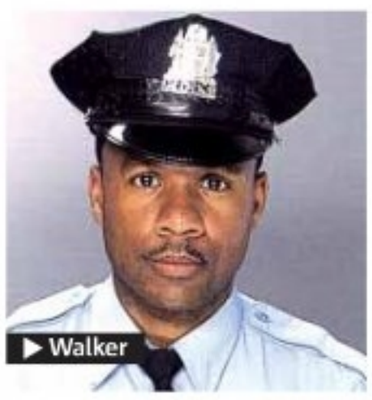

▶ Walker

'No regard for police out there'

Evers said the recent spate of officer deaths recalls 2008, when four officers were killed in six months.

"It's been a horrible few years," McNesby said. "We've lost a lot of officers to violence on the streets. There's no regard for police out there today — in this city, anyway. You can talk about all the tough crime fighting initiatives all you want, but until we get more cops on the street and guns off the street, unfortunately, these things are going to happen."

This past July, Highway Patrol Officer Brian Lorenzo, 48, was killed by an alleged drunken driver as he traveled home from work on Interstate 95; and Officer Marc Brady, 32, was struck head-on by an SUV driven by his ex-girlfriend's boyfriend as he rode his bicycle in East Mount Airy. METRO/AW

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News in brief

Health panel likely to make HIV tests routine

WASHINGTON. A U.S. health panel may soon make HIV testing as standard a practice as checking cholesterol levels, a move that would fundamentally change how the virus is detected and treated.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, a government-backed group of clinicians and scientists, is expected to make new recommendations on HIV screening available for public comment before the end of the year.

Health officials close to the panel see it making a positive recommendation for routine screening, updating their current position, which leaves the decision up to doctors.

"This would be one of those major sea changes ... moving away from what has been somewhat the segmentation of HIV — either by population, by geography," said Michael Kharfen, chief of community outreach for the Washington D.C. Department of Health. He worked on the frontlines of HIV in New York in the 1980s. **REUTERS**

Assange berates US from Ecuador embassy balcony

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▶ Julian Assange addresses the press and his supporters from the balcony of the Ecuadorian Embassy in London yesterday.

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange berated the United States yesterday from the balcony of the Ecuadorean embassy where he has sought refuge from arrest, challenging President Barack Obama to end what he called a "witch hunt" against his whistle-blowing website.

Speaking from within the London mission to avoid being detained by British police who want to extradite him to Sweden for questioning over rape allegations, Assange said the United States was fighting a war against outlets like WikiLeaks.

Pitching himself alongside Russian punk band Pussy Riot and the New York Times newspaper, Assange said the United States risked shunting the world into an era of journalistic oppression. He did not mention the rape allegations.

"I ask President Obama to do the right thing: the United States must renounce its witch hunt against WikiLeaks," Assange said in a 10-minute speech.

Ecuadorean President Rafael Correa, a self-declared enemy of "corrupt" media and U.S. "imperialism," granted the former computer hacker political asylum last week, deepening a diplomatic standoff with Britain and Sweden. **REUTERS**

Quoted

"As WikiLeaks stands under threat, so does the freedom of expression and the health of all of our societies." JULIAN ASSANGE

Asylum

Asylum in Ecuador marked the latest twist in a tumultuous journey for Assange since he incensed the United States and its allies by using his WikiLeaks website to leak hundreds of thousands of secret U.S. diplomatic and military cables in 2010, disclosures that often embarrassed Washington.

Assange took sanctuary in the embassy in June, jumping bail after exhausting appeals in British courts against extradition to Sweden, where he is wanted for questioning regarding allegations of rape and sexual assault against two women.

Witch hunt?

To allow Assange to avoid arrest by stepping outside the embassy, a balcony door on an upper floor was removed, leading up to his first public appearance since seeking refuge in the diplomatic mission.

Assange thanked Correa and Ecuador's diplomats, whom he praised for standing up against oppression. **REUTERS**

Syria's Assad makes rare appearance for Eid prayers

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▶ Syrian refugees and locals

Syrian President Bashar al-Assad made his first appearance in public since a July bombing that killed four top security officials, attending prayers at a Damascus mosque yesterday to mark the start of the Muslim holiday of Eid, state TV showed.

The first day of Eid also gave Assad's opponents a chance to rally, and activists reported protests around Syria, including in the capital, on a holiday that marks the end of the Islamic holy fasting month of Ramadan.

Battling a 17-month-old uprising against 42 years of rule by his family, Assad was filmed at prayer with his prime minister and foreign minister but not with his vice president, Farouq al-Shara, whose reported defection was denied the previous day. **REUTERS**

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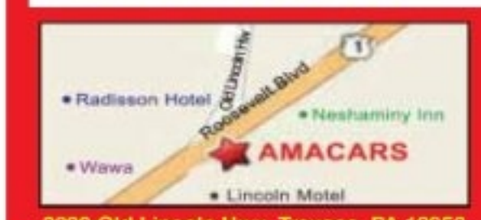

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Why hasn't Romney released tax return? 2011 isn't ready yet

Republican U.S. presidential challenger Mitt Romney plans to make public his 2011 tax return by Oct. 15, a senior campaign adviser said yesterday.

Romney, a former private equity executive who is one of the richest men ever to run for president, has come under pressure for months from the Obama campaign to release more years of tax returns.

He has released his 2010 tax return and estimates for 2011 but does not plan to reveal more years of returns. In April, he requested an extension from the Internal Revenue Service to file his 2011 tax forms, while estimating his tax liability at $3.2 million for last year.

$3.2M
Romney estimated his tax liability at $3.2 million for last year.

Ed Gillespie, a senior Romney adviser, indicated the former Massachusetts governor would release the 2011 return by Oct. 15, about three weeks before the Nov. 6 election, but refused to say exactly when.

"Look, Oct. 15 is the deadline for the IRS on an extension. We have said as soon as they're ready we're going to release them. And I believe they'll be ready before that," Gillespie told the "Fox News Sunday" program.

"They're being finalized. There's a lot of forms that have to come in from other entities that the governor doesn't have control over," Gillespie added.

He said Americans will have "ample information" about Romney's taxes with the disclosure of the 2010 return and the planned release of the 2011 return. **REUTERS**

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News in brief

When auto shutdown loomed, Ryan backed off fiscal hawk stance

WASHINGTON. When General Motors announced in 2008 that it would shut down its assembly plant in Janesville, Wisc., local Representative Paul Ryan leaped into action.

Ryan met with company executives to try to change their minds. He lobbied the Obama administration for federal retraining and economic-development funds.

He even broke with his party to vote in Congress for a $15 billion federal bailout for GM and Chrysler.

Criticized by President Obama this week as the "ideological leader" of cost-slashing Republicans in Congress, Ryan has veered from his budget-hawk stance at crucial times. **REUTERS**

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Ryan's Fed policy views well outside mainstream

WASHINGTON. Paul Ryan doesn't quite want to end the Fed. But if Mitt Romney's pick had his way, he might curb the central bank's powers enough to make it harder for policymakers to respond aggressively to economic downturns.

Ryan has supported controversial legislation that would strip the U.S. Federal Reserve of its mission to seek maximum employment, and has been a harsh critic of the central bank's continued loose monetary policy. **REUTERS**

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"Based on a True Story" on a movie poster basically just means "has people in it."

Seth Meyers

Rick Ross for prez? Why not?

The election cycle tends to bring out the usual celebrities touting their causes and endorsements, from **Brad Pitt** and **Angelina Jolie** (the legalization of gay marriage) to **Kid Rock** (something indiscernible about freedom and 'Merica).

We're not sure what it says about us, you or the shining seas, but **Rick Ross**' rundown of the heavy-hitter issues in Rolling Stone is about as well reasoned and coherent as you'll hear in any debate:

On the medicinal properties of marijuana: "I call it green caviar. It's like a short vacation — it helps me chill out. And people really love it when I chill out, because I can really be a d—head."

On gun control: "I think we all have a right to bear arms, whichever amendment that is."

On the place of religion in schools: "They wanted me to learn the Ten Commandments. I told them I didn't really have time for that right now."

On gay marriage and free speech: "Chick-fil-A obviously took their stand. That's their right — the same way the pro-gay people are taking their stand. I believe everybody got the right to live their own life the way they want to."

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▶ Rick Ross would make for the perfect rapper-in-chief.

Marry us, Jason Segel

Just in case you had any doubts, **Jason Segel** is pretty much the classiest guy you've ever seen naked. The "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" star is dating **Michelle Williams**, and has recently reached out to the late **Heath Ledger**'s family to assure them that he'll take good care of 6-year-old **Matilda Rose**, Ledger's daughter with Williams.

"Jason got on the phone and introduced himself, and then invited the Ledgers to use his home whenever they wanted to fly in from Australia to visit Michelle and Maddie," a source tells RadarOnline.

She may be that innocent

The weekend's most ridiculous Twitter exchange is brought to you courtesy of **Britney Spears** and NASA's Mars rover, **Curiosity**.

"So @MarsCuriosity ... does Mars look the same as it did in 2000?" asked Spears, whose video for "Oops! ... I Did it Again" took place on the red planet. (Likelihood that she thought it was the real deal? All too high.)

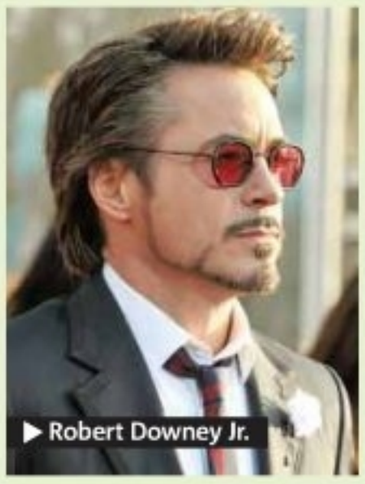
"Hey Brit Brit. Mars is still looking good. Maybe someday an astronaut will bring me a gift, too. Drill bits crossed ;)" responded perhaps the first and last NASA employee to ever type "Brit Brit."

Nice duds, Brit.

Talking points

Pattinson friends say 'Dump her!'

While it's unclear how **Robert Pattinson** will proceed with his relationship with **Kristen Stewart** after her infidelity came to light last month, his friends reportedly think he should dump her, according to Us Weekly. Pals of Pattinson — including **Sienna Miller** and **Tom Sturridge** — have been "begging Rob to end it for good," a source tells the magazine. "They think she will hurt Rob again."



▶ Robert Downey Jr.

Downey Jr. takes a tumble on set

Production on "Iron Man 3" has halted after the franchise's star, **Robert Downey Jr.**, was injured on set, Marvel Studios confirms in a statement. "Robert Downey Jr. sustained an ankle injury on the set of 'Iron Man 3' in Wilmington, N.C., while performing a stunt," the statement reads. "There will be a short delay in the production schedule while he recuperates." There's no word on how much the delay will cost the production.

Perry-Mayer is still happening

Katy Perry and **John Mayer**'s new rumored relationship keeps chugging along, with the pair spotted getting quite cozy at a Hollywood Hills pool party, according to Hollyscoop. Photos from the party show the "Your Body is a Wonderland" singer with his arm around a bikini-clad Perry, then later getting close in the water. This is the third time Perry and Mayer have been spotted out and about together, though neither has confirmed they are dating.

Turning the tables

Plenty of actors try out a music career, and that's fine — we don't have to buy their albums. But when stars jump in the DJ booth, hundreds of innocent partygoers must pay.

1 We get that **Pauly D** was a DJ before "Jersey Shore." But appearing on that show doesn't come without repercussions.

2 We're not sure what former Pussycat Doll **Aubrey O'Day** is doing here, but we're pretty sure it's not DJing.

3 We know she dated DJ **Samantha Ronson**, but we're still not buying **Lindsay Lohan** mixing tunes.

4 To the horror of real DJs, **Paris Hilton** is frequently slinking around the DJ booth. This time, she brought along **Lady Gaga**.

5 Did you really think you were going to make it through this without a **Kim Kardashian** sighting?

6 So nerdy, it almost works: **Elijah Wood** amplified the Bushmills Irish Whiskey launch party earlier this month.

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Finding his backstory

Dolph Lundgren on facing his past, doing Stallone impressions and why he initially said no to the second 'Expendables' installment

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▶ Lundgren gives "The Expendables 2" a thumbs up.

It's no secret that '80s action film star Dolph Lundgren also has a degree in chemical engineering and gave up a Fulbright Scholarship to MIT to become a bodyguard for Grace Jones and eventually an actor. By complete coincidence, in "The Expendables 2," we learn that his mercenary character, Gunnar, gave up studying chemical engineering at MIT to become a bouncer at a club and shack up with an exotic girlfriend. How convenient.

Whose idea was it to make your character's backstory your own backstory?

That was [Sylvester] Stallone. I had reservations about the original script on the second [movie]. My character had been so fun to play in the first one. That was the reason I did the movie, and it felt like everyone seemed happy with it. Then in the second one, my character was just like a regular guy in the back with the rest of them, like, "Hey, can I throw a grenade? Can I kill someone, please?" And I didn't like that. I didn't want to make the picture — actually, I did turn it down. So then Stallone kind of came to me and said, "I'm going to think of something," and he came up with a couple of ideas. This was one.

Did you have a say in how much his story matches yours?

It was all in there. I was a bouncer, and it had to do with Grace [Jones] — he fell in love with some girl who dances at a disco, which is kind of like Grace and the whole thing.

"I had reservations about the original script ... 'Hey, can I throw a grenade? Can I kill someone, please?'"
DOLPH LUNDGREN

Was it common for you guys to slip in Stallone impressions on set when he wasn't around?

Yeah, and the Arnold [Schwarzenegger] one, too. "I'll be back." (laughs) I was at Comic-Con with them, and you're sitting at the panel with Arnold and Stallone, and you just don't say a word because what are you going to do? These guys are so famous that they're like almost beyond famous. Anybody can do their voice, everybody knows them in the whole world — in the fricking jungles of Malaysia, even.

When you're bringing in all these new characters, is there a worry that you're going to get crowded out?

Yes, I think it weighs on you incredibly. Part of the filmmakers' and the writers' task is, how do you give 10 co-stars enough screen time for them not to get upset or feel like they're getting lost — or for the audience to get their dose of Chuck [Norris] or whoever they want to see, Dolph Lundgren or Terry Crews or Stallone — well, Stallone gets a lot of screen time. [Laughs.]

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Box office

'The Expendables 2' kicks box office competition

Action movie "The Expendables 2" muscled to the top of box office charts over the weekend, beating three new competitors at theaters in the United States and Canada.

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▶ Don't mess with Stallone.

"The Expendables 2" rang up $28.8 million from Friday through Sunday, distributor Lions Gate Entertainment said. Last week's winner, action movie "The Bourne Legacy" starring Jeremy Renner, slipped to the No. 2 spot with $17 million. Comcast Corp.'s Universal Studios released the film.

In third place, 3D stop-motion movie "ParaNorman," earned $14 million. In the film, a boy named Norman, who speaks to ghosts and ghouls, works to save his town from a zombie apocalypse. REUTERS

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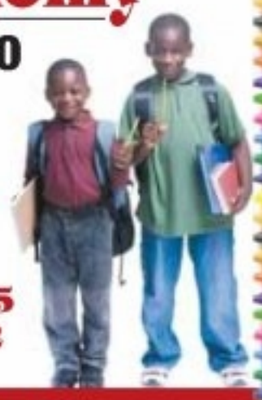

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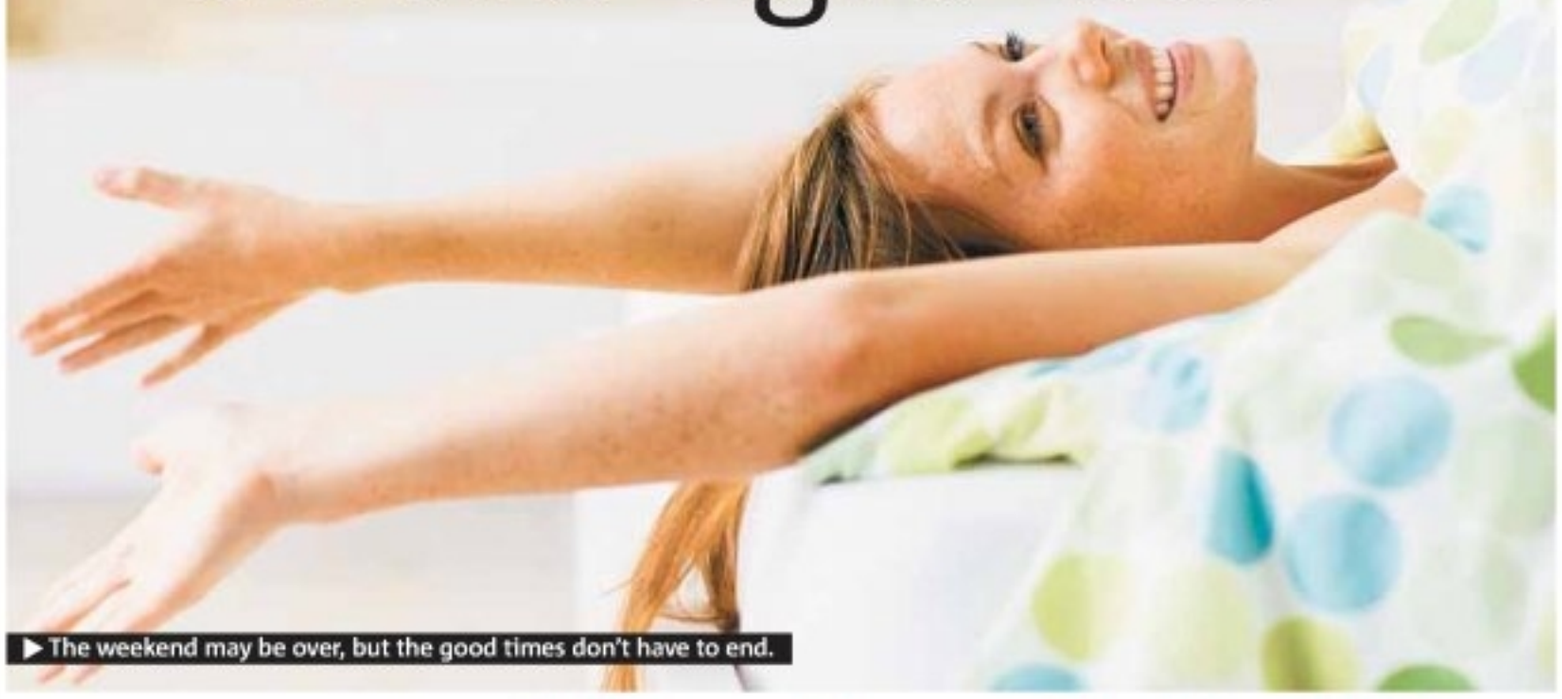

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Jump-start the day with positive intentions

Take a moment to think about what you'd like to have happen throughout the day. Your intentions create your reality, and what you focus on first thing in the morning can have a powerful impact on your whole day. Therefore, the goal here is to set positive intentions from the get-go. The moment you open your eyes, choose a positive intention. Say it out loud, write it in a journal or affirm it while looking in the mirror. Take time to commit to a positive intention and trust that focusing on the good stuff will carry you straight through to nighttime.

Silently bless the people in your life

If you focus on resentments toward others (such as getting stressed about co-workers) while brewing your morning coffee, your negative attitude will set the tone for all your interactions. Instead of launching into the day with anger and negativity, say a silent prayer for the people you've been resenting. Pray for them to have all that you want for yourself and envision them happy. I know this may sound difficult, but it's totally worth it. The instant you bless another person, you clear space to receive more love and positivity.

For the next week, incorporate these steps into your morning routine and you'll feel more energized, supported and carefree. Start your day with a good attitude and let your positive energy guide you.

— *Gabrielle Bernstein is the author of "Spirit Junkie."*

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▶ Do you check your phone the moment you wake up, scanning for the latest updates and e-mails? Though this habit seems natural, it can create a lot of anxiety and tension. Give yourself time to begin the day with clarity and peace. Commit to refraining from e-mail, news, texts and social media for the first hour of your day. Use the morning to prepare energetically for the day ahead instead of overloading on the world around you.

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Using social media to promote your art

Over the last two decades, New York conceptual artist Brainard Carey has carved out a career for himself on the international scene, with featured performances at the Whitney and Venice Biennials, among other notable venues.

But he has also pursued a parallel career as a kind of motivational speaker for contemporary artists. His message: In order to have a career, you have to develop your strategic voice, not just your artistic voice.

"Artists who have a sense of aesthetics and quality constantly see other work which is poorly made — or just bad — being exhibited. That's very frustrating. But it also tells us something: There is another mechanism, beyond quality, for why that work is presented," explains Carey. "So all I'm saying is, 'let's look at what those mechanisms are.'"

His latest book, "New Markets For Artists," is a sequel to last year's "Making It in the Art World." This time, Carey wants to help artists rethink their use of social media and online markets.

"One of the ways people gain access is understanding how to reach people in an effective way. It's all incredibly personal. How we approach people and handle ourselves is 90 percent of what's going on in our careers," he explains. "We have to practice our etiquette and think about how we're approaching people. The best analogy is online dating: It's not very effective to say, 'Here's my picture. If you think I'm handsome, click my e-mail.' Yet that's basically what artists often do with their work. That's not attractive. People want to see something about who you are and how you think."

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▶ Conceptual artist Brainard Carey helps fellow artists use social media to their advantage.

Ask the artist

- Art career expert Brainard Carey's website — "The Art World Demystified" — contains a number of useful tips. www.yourartmentor.com
- Carey prides himself on responding to all career questions from aspiring artists. You can contact him at artsuccess@gmail.com.

The art of Face-Twit

Carey feels that most artists misuse Facebook and Twitter. Typically, artists spend the majority of their Face-Twit time posting their latest works. But, for Carey, commenting on the work of others is a more useful way to engage with the technology. A thoughtful comment on a fellow artist's work is one of the most effective ways to widen the audience for your own work.

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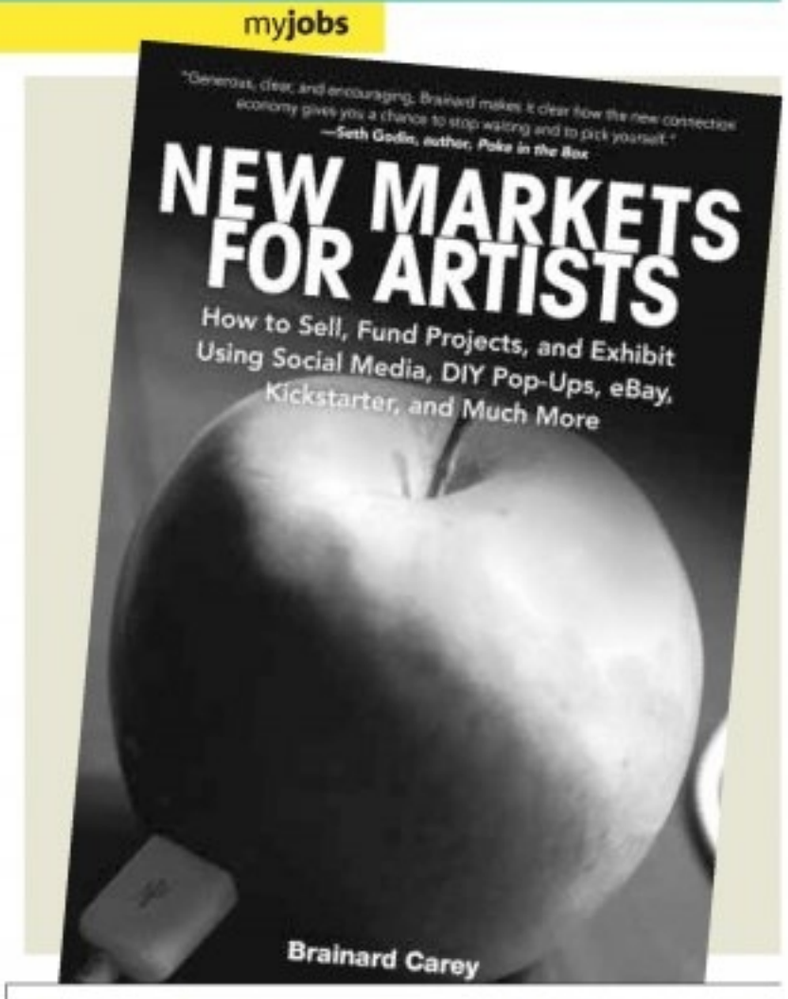
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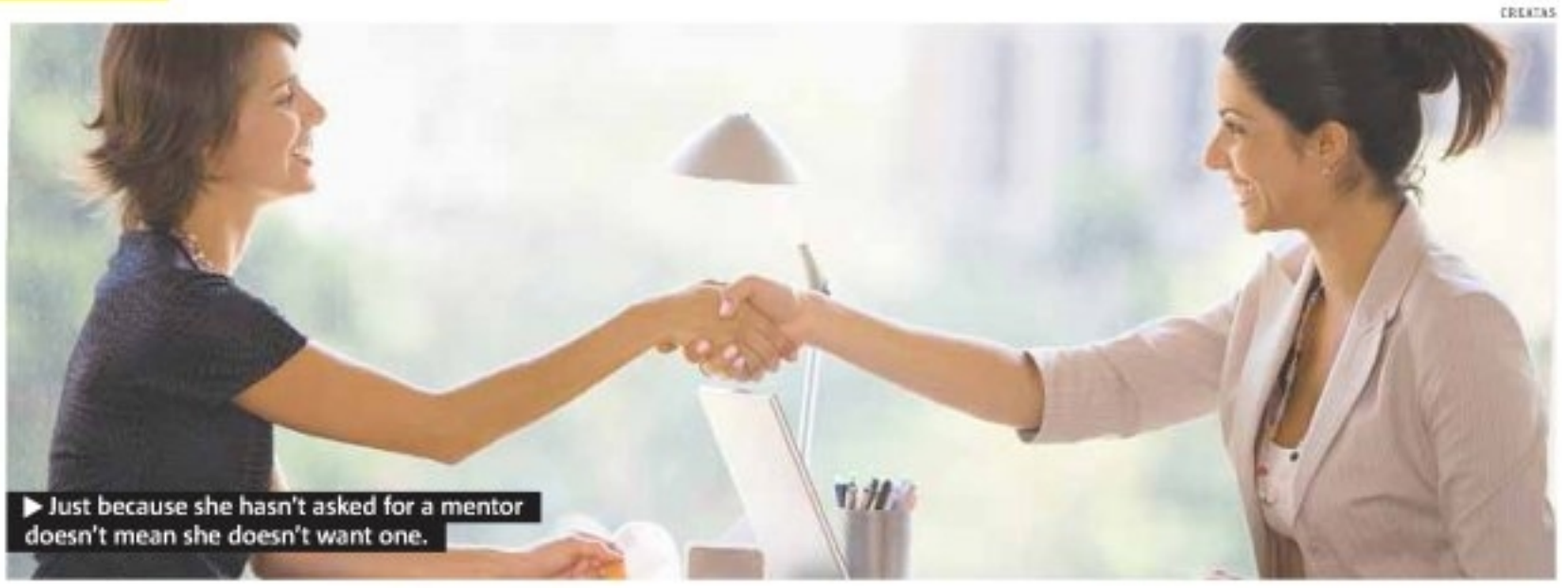
Are women helping each other in the workplace?


▶ Just because she hasn't asked for a mentor doesn't mean she doesn't want one.

"Women help women in the workplace in myriad ways," proclaims Teresa Currier, chair of Saul Ewing LLC's Women's Development Initiative. "First, the mere presence of other professional women helps younger women making their way up, because a strong population of women silently stands for the proposition of inclusion in one of its many forms."

It's difficult to say if this thought reflects what's really happening in the workplace. Of course, we hope it's accurate, but a recent poll by LinkedIn found that 51 percent of women surveyed between the ages of 18 and 29 said they have not been mentored by female colleagues. Of the women questioned, 67 percent of those who aren't mentoring others said the reason is because they haven't been asked to mentor anyone.

While it's hard not to get discouraged by these numbers, it's important to remember a couple of things. First, each situation is circumstantial.

Brittany Sykes, senior account executive at Teszler PR, Inc., recalls when her supervisor, Barbara Teszler, helped her advance in her career. "After interning [for Teszler], I was offered a trial run for a position and ultimately became a publicist," says Sykes. "[Teszler] left the company to start her own, and because she loved the work I did for her, I followed her a few months later. We now work together, bouncing ideas off of each other every day and constantly bringing in new business."

Aside from the numbers, the LinkedIn survey tells us something very insightful: Women aren't asking to be mentored. "We're all in this together," Currier reminds us. "Women today know that and act upon it." If we look up to other women in the workplace, the study suggests we need to start asking them to help us in our own careers.

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"We're all in this together. Women today know that and act upon it."
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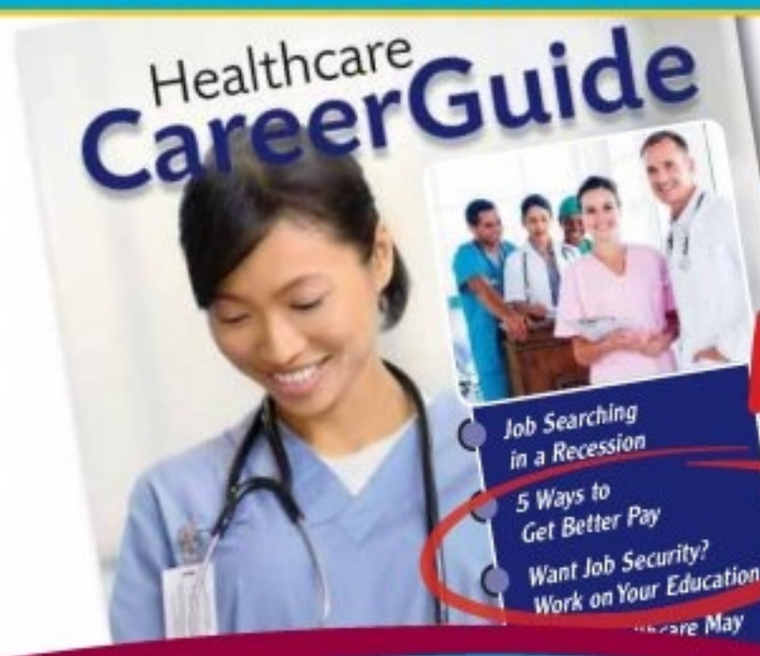
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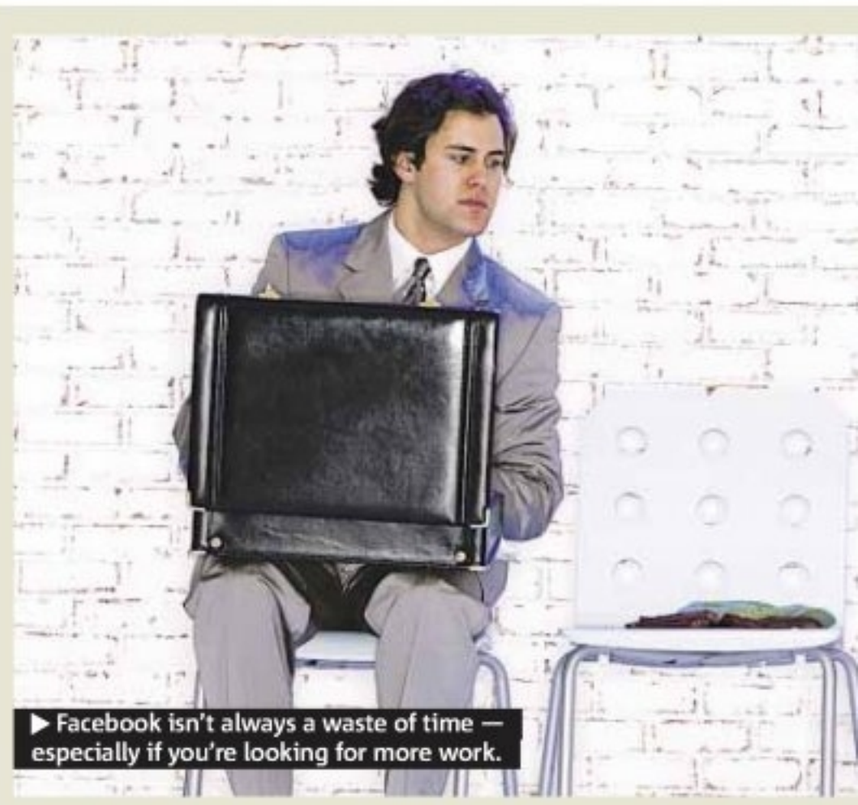
Although it beats unemployment, underemployment can be just as much of a struggle Take to Facebook and Twitter to help fill the gap

Underemployment, despite its advantages over unemployment, is an issue not to be overlooked. It includes people working part-time who would like full-time employment, and people working at jobs that are at a lower level than what they're qualified for, or earning less than they should be, because of the lack of jobs. According to Gallup data, 18.1 percent of U.S. adults in the workforce are underemployed, while 1 in 3 young adults is underemployed (and twice as likely to be as older adults).

The disadvantages of underemployment aren't too different from being unemployed. People seem to lose motivation in their career path and are set back from advancing, potentially for years. An even bigger and distinct disadvantage is not having the time to look for better employment because of current job obligations.

The underemployed have a different set of challenges — they are more set on building a career with relevant positions, but also need to find these positions without much digging. Fortunately, social networks, such as Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter, make the job search much more direct and accessible. The following are three ways to optimize your social networking if you're one of the many underemployed.



▶ Facebook isn't always a waste of time — especially if you're looking for more work.

Target connections

When using your social network, be transparent about your job search progress and what you're looking for through status updates, tweets or your bio. Don't worry about coming off as desperate, unless you're literally begging for someone to help you. Just simply state your current situation and what the next best (but relevant) situation you're looking to gain. For example, "Emerging

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Find the right companies

Make a list of target companies that offer roles on your projected career path. Follow them on Twitter and LinkedIn, and "like" their Facebook pages. Also look for "insiders," or current employees, on social media to connect with. Your best bet is to reach out to someone at, or just above, your career level with a similar professional experience and background, and ask a few questions related to the job search and that person's career. Don't simply ask for a job, but see if they can provide insight into the job market in your area, or advice on how they advanced their career, or even if they can connect you with relevant contacts within the company.

Do this periodically (set a time about once a week) so that you can start finding better leads to jobs you want and can see yourself enjoying. Even if you're offered entry-level work, despite 10 years in the field or a master's degree, consider what you can do to advance in the position, or better yet, ways you can meet people in the field more easily if you get your foot in the door.

Go in a new direction

After being unemployed and then underemployed, some may feel their current plan is just not working out for them. For some, changing fields is a last resort. For others, it can be a rewarding way to build a stable career path.

Social networking can ease this transition smoothly. First, meeting professionals in your new career path is easier than ever. You can find them usually occupying industry-related spaces, like Twitter chats or groups on LinkedIn and Facebook. Ask questions, participate in discussion and absorb all the advice you're given. Additionally, these social networks are vast in sharing specific career resources — conferences, webinars, e-books — anything and everything to craft your hard skills for your next role.

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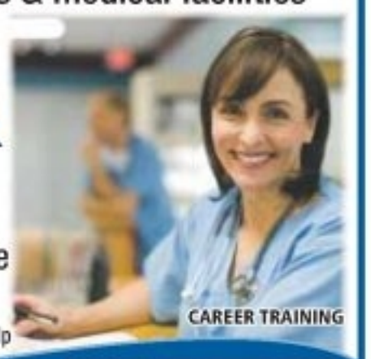

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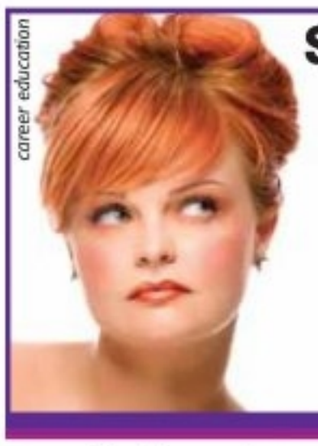

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Social ills sign immorality coming home to roost

RE: "DON'T BE CHICKEN – PROTEST CORRECTLY" (METRO, AUG. 17-19) Harry Cooperman seems to confuse leftist ideals with American ideals. He believes that people have the right to pursue happiness by "any" means. The American ideal allows for the pursuit of happiness by "legal" means. He also believes Dan Cathy's moral beliefs are wrong simply because they are inconsistent with his leftist ideals. American ideals allow for freedom of religion and thought for all, not just for those on the left. Many of the social ills in America are a direct result of the leftist creed that people have a right to pursue happiness by any means — hence illegal immigration, teen mothers, absentee fathers, abortions, adultery, etc.

SHOSHANA ROSE, VIA E-MAIL

Have a dictionary handy while mud-slinging

Those who write in calling people who disagree with them "homophobic" need to consult a dictionary. Homophobia is an unreasonable fear of or aversion to homosexuals or homosexuality. You can disagree with homosexual ideas because you believe they are intrinsically wrong or detrimental in some way to society, etc. Intellectual disagreement and aversion are two very different things. Aversion has to do with feelings, with repugnance. For example, you can have a gay child you love dearly and still not agree with same-sex marriage. Homosexuals should stop calling people names and appearing ignorant.

ADELAIDE VERPONI, VIA E-MAIL

Disregarding beliefs of others is a two-way street

Dan Cathy has his rights about his beliefs against same-sex marriage and I will stand by him 100 percent. I also am against same-sex marriage and believe that homosexuals aren't allowed to marry. According to the Bible, homosexuality is a sin. I will support Chick-fil-A to operate here in NYC. Gay people need to quit protesting against Chick-fil-A because of its belief against gay marriage and get a life. People have a right to oppose gay marriage and there's nothing they can do about it. **DAVID BOWMAN, VIA E-MAIL**

Under Obamacare, elderly will suffer

Let's talk simply. The undisputed $716 billion being cut from Medicare is so that money can be used to pay for the new people Obamacare is planned to cover. It comes out of doctor and hospital reimbursements, which simply means that many doctors will stop taking Medicare patients because the government is not going to pay for even the cost to care for them. The same with hospitals, except the hospitals will just go out of business. In other words, many, many current seniors on Medicare will not be serviced. This is how Obama is saying he will reduce costs: ignoring the needs of the "too old" seniors. There is a much better way: the Ryan/Wyden plan.

JOHN SANGENARIO, VIA E-MAIL

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♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** It behooves you to reassess your objectives in case you might be striving for something that's not worth the effort. Make sure that your priorities are in the right place.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Don't waste your time arguing with someone about an issue that he or she isn't willing to budge on. All it's likely to do is cause you a great deal of discomfort.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Untangle yourself from any mundane involvement with another that distracts you from your own interests. To succeed, be dedicated to your own goals.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Instead of relying on another for support, try to be self-sufficient. Even if this person's help is forthcoming, you might find that you're better off without it.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** In order to be successful, it's imperative that you have staying power. Guard against slackening your effort just when your objective is within reach.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Just because associates might not be totally in accord with your interests, it doesn't mean they dislike you. In order to see things clearly, don't let your emotions dictate reasoning.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Certain advantages that you presently possess might be lost or undermined if you exert too much pressure on cohorts. Know when to stop pushing and when to start pleasing.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Keep an open mind and give associates credit for being at least as smart as you. It's a mistake to discount their ideas and views just because they're different from yours.

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♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** As long as companions are cooperative and making concessions, you'll be extremely congenial. Should they want what you want, however, it'll be another story.

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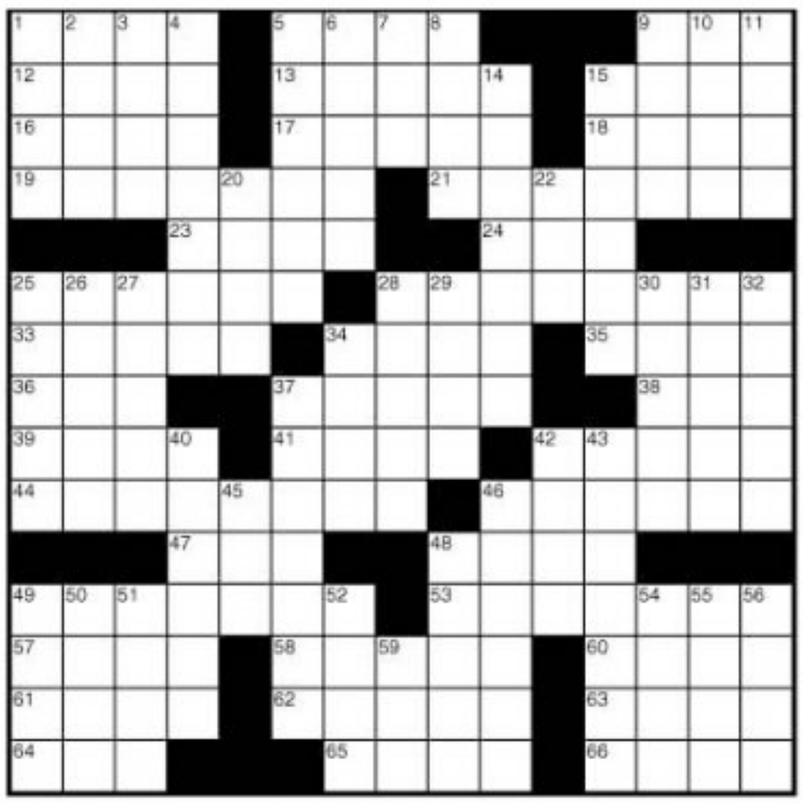

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17 Call for takeout (2 wds.)
18 Lumber flaw
19 Frogs and rabbits
21 Skeptical
23 Brats
24 201, to Claudius
25 Seventh planet
28 Realization
33 Hanes competitor
34 Kind of tale
35 Continue (2 wds.)
36 Kilt-wearer's refusal
37 Soot
38 Pedro's aunt
39 "Judith" composer
41 Klutzes
42 Clink glasses
44 Bad accidents (hyph.)
46 Gets more out of
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48 What a vacuum sucks up
49 Updraft
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58 Flatfish
60 More than willing
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65 Sergeant's supper
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1 Ancient story
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14 Part of a fist
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32 Pesky insects
34 Golf hazard
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SUDOKU **LEVEL: HARD**

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First team impression

Eagles starters to see extended playing time against Patriots ◗ Reid expects improvement after disappointing debut last week ◗ Team has two games in four days, opens season Sept. 9

The Eagles will play their starters for up to three quarters against New England, according to coach Andy Reid.

If Mike Vick and Co. are rolling, then expect Reid to pull them at halftime. If not, they'll probably stay in to work out the kinks.

"I'll just get a feel," Reid said. "We'll just see how it all rolls and go from there."

The second preseason game will serve as a final tune-up, as the Birds don't want to reveal too much Friday, when they suit up against Cleveland. The first-team offense did little to impress last week, settling for two three-and-outs before calling it a night.

"We understand we're still in the preseason, but you want to play good football and we have an opportunity to play a good football team," Reid said. "So, I think if you talk to both coaches, we'd probably tell you the same thing — that we want to play better than we did last week and improve and, at the same time, get the young guys in and that second group in for the latter part of the game."

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▶ Mike Vick and LeSean McCoy share a laugh during last week's preseason game. The starters are expected to play at least the first half, and maybe the third quarter.

The only players not scheduled to play in New England are Mike Kafka, Jason Babin, Riley Cooper and Casey Matthews. DeSean Jackson was injured slightly during Saturday's practice, but Reid insisted it's nothing serious. Nnamdi Asomugha has sat out the last few sessions, but he's prepared to play.

The Eagles are expected to use their remaining two games (Friday vs. Cleveland; Aug. 30 vs. NY Jets) to evaluate and finalize their roster.

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What to watch in New England

Three things to look for tonight when the Birds head north to face the New England Patriots (8 p.m., ESPN):

1 FEELING LEFT OUT
The biggest, most unexpected battle has been at left tackle. Demetress Bell was brought in as a band-aid for injured Jason Peters, but — after just two offensive series last week, and a less than-stellar camp — he's found a seat on the bench. King Dunlap will get the start tonight and, while it could be his job to lose, don't count Bell out. He'll see the majority of snaps with the second team, and a strong performance could get him back in Howard Mudd's good graces. Dunlap has had plenty of chances before and failed to capitalize.

2 NICK AT NITE
Nick Foles was the brightest star vs. Pittsburgh, chucking two TDs and ascending up the depth chart. That, of course, came against third- and fourth-stringers. He'll get another shot to impress — most likely against the Patriots' bubble list — to prove he wasn't a one-hit wonder. Clearly Foles has the most upside. The question is, are the Eagles willing to enter the season with a rookie backing up Mike Vick? Trent Edwards has also looked good in limited action.

3 TACKLING DUMMIES
One of the biggest problems for the Eagles' defense last season was sloppy tackling, stuff that shouldn't happen in the NFL. And that problem reared its ugly head again in the first preseason game. Players ran into each other, while some just flat-out swatted at air. Defensive coordinator Juan Castillo has been preaching about his tackling circuit, a drill focusing on fundamentals that the Birds have worked on at least twice a week. The Patriots, with all their speed on offense, are a good (hard) test. **METRO/MG**

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▶ Dunlap

Giant prank

Giants hazing goes viral

Giants coach Tom Coughlin is mad after a video of a prank involving two of his players went viral.

In the video, tweeted by punter Steve Weatherford, DE Jason Pierre-Paul tosses CB Prince Amukamara into an ice tub and the two exchange profanities.

Coughlin heard about the incident from reporters yesterday and said he would look into it further.

"As I'm understanding it, there were some parts of it that were inappropriate," Coughlin said.

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Kendrick extends streak, Phils split Milwaukee series

Kyle Kendrick is suddenly the Phillies' newest ace.

The up-and-down righty stretched his scoreless streak to 15 innings yesterday after tossing eight shutout frames in an 8-0 win over Milwaukee. Kendrick (6-9) allowed just three hits and tied a career-high with seven strikeouts.

The Phillies' offense was fueled by Dom Brown, who went 3-for-4 with a double and four RBIs. Michael Martinez also stroked a two-run dinger in the second. The Phillies are now 11-8 since trading Shane Victorino and Hunter Pence.

Former Phillie Randy Wolf (3-10) took the loss in a game that was delayed seven minutes due to rain. The Phils are expected to activate Placido Polanco from the DL today, after they optioned Hector Luna to Triple-A Lehigh. METRO

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▶ Kendrick has thrown 15 straight scoreless innings.

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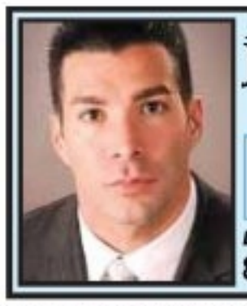
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